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SUBJECT: FY 74 NOMINATION IV CANDIDATE, MOHAMMAD MACHNOUK

REF: BEIRUT 1673, 4707; STATE A-8585 DATED OCT. 12, 1974

PART 2: A. BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOR PROGRAMMING

1. NAME: MOHAMMAD A. MACHNOUK

2. POSITIONS:

A) PRESENT: DIRECTOR, NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY, MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION

B) PAST: 1967-73: COEDITOR, RADIO NEWSREEL, RADIO LEBANON,  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION  
1962-73: EDITOR OF ARABIC DAILY "BEIRUT AL MASSA"

3. PERSONAL DATA:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 3 September 2013]; BEIRUT, LEBANON

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: LEBANESE

SEX: MALE DIVORCED, TWO DAUGHTERS

MAILING AND EMERGENCY ADDRESS: NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY, MINISTRY  
OF INFORMATION, BEIRUT, LEBANON

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EDUCATION: 1963, B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT (AUB) ATTENDED UN TRAINING COURSES IN INFORMATION IN PARIS 1964, 1966 AND IN 1967.

MEMBERSHIP: MEMBER PRESS AND EDITORS' SYNDICATE MEMBER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF AUB

PREVIOUS TRAVELS ABROAD:

A) NO PREVIOUS U.S. VISIT

B) ALL ARAB COUNTRIES; MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES; SOUTH ASIA, AND EAST GERMANY IN 1970 AT GDR'S INVITATION.

4. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: FLUENT

5. KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES: FLUENT ARABIC AND FRENCH

#### B. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. PROGRAM SHOULD CONCENTRATE INFORMATION PROCESS IN THE U.S:

A) HOW USG DEALS WITH INFORMATION RESPONSIBILITIES AT HOME AND ABROAD,

B) HOW TELEVISION AND RADIO INDUSTRY FUNCTIONS;

C) THE ROLE OF PRESS, AND RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INFORMATION MEDIA;

D) VISITS TO MAJOR TV-RADIO NETWORK HEAD OFFICES.

2. IN WASHINGTON,

A) HE SHOULD MEET USIA BOULOS MALIK, IPS; ALAN BAKER, IBS, MARVIN LIPMAN, IMV AND NEA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMATION PROGRAMS GENERAL PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE U.S. POLICY.

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B) ATTEND LUNCHEON OF INTERNATIONAL PRESS CLUB OR NEWS CONFERENCE BY HIGH-RANKING USG OFFICIALS AS WELL AS DAILY BRIEFING OF STATE DEPARTMENT OR WHITE HOUSE TO SEE HOW USG DEALS WITH PRESS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

3. MEET WITH AMERICANS OF LEBANESE ORIGIN, IN

PARTICULAR SENATOR JAMES ABU RIZK.

MR. MACHNOUK IS AMIABLE, RESPONSIBLE AND WHO CAN BE  
EXPECTED TO KEEP APPOINTMENTS AND FOLLOW SCHEDULE.  
HOWEVER, NEEDS SOME TIME TO DO HIS OWN RESEARCH.  
SOCIAL AND WELCOMES FAMILY VISITS. HE HAS NO  
DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.  
PROPOSES US ARRIVAL SCHEDULE:

MR. MACHCHNOUK IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C. ON  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20 VIA PAA 107 AT 1335 HOURS.  
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